GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
LOK SABHA

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MULTI-COMMODITY EXCHANGE
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Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have given its approval to the Gujarat-based constoriumled by Neptune Overseas to set up a multi-commodity exchange;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the main functions of the exchange; and

(d) the extent to which it will be helpful?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI V. SREENIVASA PRASAD)

(a) : Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d): The Government have granted in-principle approval to the CommodityExchange of India Ltd., (proposed name) Ahmedabad, for setting up of a modern, electronic, automated commodity Exchange to effectively and efficiently meet the risk mangement requirements of diverse functionaries for futures trading in various oilseeds like castorseed, rapeseed/mustardseed, groundnut, sunflowerseed, cottonseed, sesameseed, copra/coconut, safflowerseed, their oils and oilcakes. The in-principle approval was given on 25th July, 2001 subject to the condition that the Exchange be made operational within 10 months. The promoters are in the process of completing the formalities and setting up necessary infrastructure. It is expected to provide efficient, competitive price signals and price risk management mechanism to the various participants in the commodities permitted for futures trading in the Exchange.